

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (previously presented) A cylinder head gasket comprising:  
a body, being generally flat and having a first surface, a second surface,  
and at least one cylinder hole therethrough;  
an encapsulant generally coating the first surface, the second surface and a  
perimeter of the at least one cylinder hole; and  
a light colored pigment intermixed with the encapsulant to thereby create a  
light color encapsulant that has a brightness above 75 on a CIE L\*A\*B color and  
brightness rating system.
2. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 wherein the encapsulant is  
an epoxy primer.
3. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 2 wherein the light colored  
pigment is made from one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide.
4. (previously presented) The cylinder head gasket of claim 2 wherein the  
light colored pigment is made from pigment blue 15 mixed with one of a titanium dioxide  
and a zinc oxide, and the light colored pigment is mixed with the encapsulant in an  
amount that will create said brightness above 75 on a CIE L\*A\*B color and brightness  
rating system.

5. (previously presented) The cylinder head gasket of claim 2 wherein the light colored pigment is made from a pigment green 7 mixed with one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide, and the light colored pigment is mixed with the encapsulant in an amount that will create said brightness above 75 on a CIE L\*A\*B\* color and brightness rating system.

6. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 further including a generally translucent topcoat that generally coats the encapsulant.

7. (original) The cylinder head gasket of Claim 6 wherein the topcoat is made of silicone.

8. (cancelled)

9. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 wherein the light colored pigment is made from one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide, and with the cylinder head gasket further including a generally translucent topcoat that generally coats the encapsulant.

10. (previously presented) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 wherein the light colored pigment is made from pigment blue 15 mixed with one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide, and the light colored pigment is mixed with the encapsulant in an amount that will create said brightness above 75 on a CIE L\*A\*B color and brightness rating system; and with the cylinder head gasket further including a generally translucent topcoat that generally coats the encapsulant.

11. (previously presented) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 wherein the light colored pigment is made from a pigment green 7 mixed with one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide, and the light colored pigment is mixed with the encapsulant in an amount that will create said brightness above 75 on a CIE L\*A\*B color and brightness rating system; and with the cylinder head gasket further including a generally translucent topcoat that generally coats the encapsulant.

12. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 wherein the encapsulant has a thickness of less than approximately 0.001 inch.

13. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 further including an armor assembled to the body adjacent to the at least one cylinder hold; and a generally translucent topcoat generally coating the encapsulant and the armor.

14. (previously presented) A cylinder head gasket comprising:  
a body, being generally flat and having a first surface and a second surface;  
an encapsulant generally coating the first surface and the second surface;  
and  
a light colored pigment intermixed with the encapsulant to thereby create a light color encapsulant that has a brightness above 75 on a CIE L\*A\*B color and brightness rating system.

15. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 14 further including a generally translucent topcoat that generally coats the encapsulant.

16. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 14 wherein the light colored pigment is made from one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide.

17. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 14 wherein the light colored pigment is made from pigment blue 15 mixed with one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide.

18. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 14 wherein the light colored pigment is made from a pigment green 7 mixed with one of a titanium dioxide and a zinc oxide.

19. (original) The cylinder head gasket of claim 14 further including a silicone topcoat that generally coats the encapsulant.

20-30 (cancelled)

31. (new) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 wherein said light color encapsulant is white.

32. (new) The cylinder head gasket of claim 1 wherein said light color encapsulant is light gray.